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Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 Expedited Procedure Examining Group 1714. AF/1714

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:

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For: ELASTOMER COMPOSITION WHICH

CONTAINS INTERCALATED AND

EXFOLIATED CLAY REINFORCEMENT

FORMED IN SITU WITHIN THE

ELASTOMER HOST AND ARTICLE, SUCH

AS A TIRE, HAVING AT LEAST ONE

COMPONENT THEREOF

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Final Rejection Official Action dated August 27, 2003,  
Paper No. 6, please make the following amendments in order to more particularly point out  
and distinctly claim the Applicant's invention.